GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:205
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003
CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Powered Technical Committee has been constituted recently by the Government to resolve Cauvery water dispute between Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry;

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has stared functioning; and

(d) if so, the number of meetings held so far and decisions arrived at?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.205 TO BE ANSWERED O 4.8.2003 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE.

(a) to (d): In pursuance of the decision taken in the 17th Meeting of Monitoring Committee under Cauvery River Authority(CRA) held on 9th June, 2003 at New Delhi, A Sub-group of Technical Experts was constituted on 11th June, 2003 under the Chairmanship of Commissioner(PR), Ministry of Water Resources with the Technical Representatives of the States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and UT of Pondicherry as Members. The Sub-group of Technical Experts was required to take into consideration different views expressed by the States through their Technical Representatives and based on these, suggest Distress Sharing Formula/Formulae within four weeks from the date of its constitution for consideration and adoption of the same by the Monitoring Committee of the CRA. The Sub-group of Technical Experts has held two meetings. The sub-group has deliberated on different views and narrowed down the differences among the party states. In the second meeting held on 7.7.2003 at New Delhi, the Technical Representative of the State of Karnataka circulated a specific proposal on the sharing of Cauvery waters during the situation of distress. Further comments of State of Tamil Nadu on the proposal of Karnataka have been received on 21.7.2003. The next meeting of the Cauvery Monitoring Committee has been fixed on 7.8.2003 to further discuss and finalise the distress sharing formula.